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Headmistress's Letter

Dear Parents

As I write my final Headmistress's letter for 2016 in the first icy blast of winter, I can honestly say that this term has flown by. Having read through the latest set of school reports, there is much to celebrate in pupils' achievements in class, and lots to praise in their achievements beyond the classroom in music lessons, extra-curricular activities and sport, and in assemblies.

I do commend the school website and App to you: news about school life is posted and updated almost daily. When you scroll down the news, you will instantly see that life is busy and the pupils are enjoying what they do.

Carol Service Monday 5 December 9.15am

Parents, family members and friends are warmly invited to join us for the Carol Service at the Parish Church of St John. The whole school community will be taking part. Kindergarten and Reception children, readers and performers are arriving at the Church at 8.30am to set up. The junior pupils are walking up with the staff at 8.50am and the seniors at 9.00am. I look forward to seeing you.

Coffee Mornings with Mr Hagger and Mrs Osborn

Mr Hagger and I have enjoyed our coffee mornings with Braeside parents this term so far. It has been good to talk about school life, current developments and to hear what you feel is going well and your ideas for how we can improve further. We have the Year 3-5 meeting on Wednesday 7 December.

Parents have been very positive about the changes made over the last year and are looking forward to the school kitchen opening next term. Following feedback from parents, we will try to slim down and organise better the email communication so that you have fewer emails and reminders.

The Engage Portal is now up and running and the IT team is available to help any parent who has trouble logging on or using it.

Reporting pupil absences from school

We are starting a new system for notifying the school if a pupil is absent.

If your child is unable to attend school, please email the correct address below to notify us:

absencesenior@braesideschool.co.uk and absencejunior@braesideschool.co.uk

School Uniform Reminders

Please remember that the girls should be in black, not brown, shoes from January on both sites.

Final Day of Term Thursday 15 December

Please note that school finishes at **12 noon** on the last day of term. All pupils must be collected at this time and there are no after-school activities or After School Club on that day on either site.

The Spring term begins on Tuesday 10 January and the normal start time, and breakfast club will be running as usual.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 2 December	Year 2 Class assembly to parents
Friday 2 December	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop (with Normanhurst)
Monday 5 December	Whole School Christmas Carols at St John's Church
Tuesday 6 December	Year 6 Visit to A Victorian Christmas at Royal Gunpowder Mills
Wednesday 7 December	Years 3-5 Parents Coffee Morning (Junior Hall)
Friday 9 December	Year 1 Class assembly to Parents
Monday 12 December	National Citizen Service Talk to Year 11
Wednesday 14 December	Juniors "Cinderella" Pantomime Visit to Queens Theatre Hornchurch

Christmas Break : Fri. 16.12.16 – Mon. 09.01.17

Tuesday 10 January	First day of Spring Term
Tuesday 10 January	Year 11 Mock GCSEs begin
Tuesday 17 January	Living With Dementia Talk by Diane Butler, Youth Engagement Officer, EFDC
Thursday 19 January	Year 10 Parents Evening
Fri-Sat 20-21 January	Oak-Tree Big Art Exhibition at Lopping Hall
Monday 23 January	Year 9 Visit to Jewish Museum
Tuesday 24 January	Second 11+/13+ Entrance Exam
Wednesday 25 January	Senior LAMDA exams
Thursday 26 January	Year 10 Visit to Forest School Higher Education Fair
Thursday 26 January	Year 8 Parents Evening
Tuesday 7 February	Young Voices Concert 2017 Year 5 & 6 at the O2 joint event with Oak-Tree Schools
Thursday 9 February	ISA Regional Cross Country (Rushmoor School)
Friday 10 February	Year 11 Science Live Event
Friday 10 February	FOBS Junior Film Night
Sat./Sat.11-18 February	Joint Braeside/Normanhurst Ski Trip to Italy

A Message from FOBS' Chairman

All the children were incredibly excited to see Father Christmas in his grotto and two of his reindeer, who had flown in from the North Pole especially for the occasion.

It really was a wonderful afternoon and we made a cracking £1,037.97 profit!!

Jessica Chessher

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families every blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



Claire Osborn
Headmistress



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